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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE RE ARMS IMPORTS

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SUMMARY: MAKARIOS DENIES GOCYPRUS INVOLVED IN NEW WEAPONS IMPORTS; PROMISES TO INVESTIGATE BASIS OF PERSISTENT REPORTS; DENIES ANY NEED BY GOVERNMENT FOR ADDITIONAL ARMS.

1. IN CALL ON ARCHBISHOP DEC 27, I MADE DEMARCHE AUTHORIZED REFTEL WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FOLLOWING:

A. USG SERIOUSLY CONCERNED OVER CONTINUING REPORTS THAT GOCYPRUS HAD RANSACKED FOR A SUPPLY OF NEW WEAPONS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA;

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B. RECALLING CRISIS OF 1982, #WE BELIEVE GOCYPRUS HAS

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROHIBITING ADDITIONAL ARMS IMPORTS;

C. CURRENT REPORTS RAISING FEARS WITHIN TURKISH  
COMMUNITY IN ADDITION TO ANXIETY IN BOTH ANKARA AND ATHENS;

D. THAT IF MATTERS WERE PERMITTED TO ESCALATE INTO  
NEW CRISIS USG WOULD HAVE TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER ITS POSITION\*.

2. IN RESPONSE MAKARIOS ADMITTED AWARENESS OF REPORTS, PRO-  
FESSED BEWILDERMENT AT THEIR PERSISTENCE, THEN EMPHATICALLY  
DENIED ANY GOVERNMENTAL INTENTION OR INVOLVEMENT. HE GRATUITOUSLY  
REFERRED TO AZINAS KNOWN VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN NOVEMBER DWELLING  
THE LATTERS OWN REPEATED INNOCENCE IN ANY SUCH REPORTED ENDEAVORS.  
REFERRING FURTHER TO APPROACH OF OSORIO-TAFALL EARLIER IN DECEMBER,  
MAKARIOS COMPLAINED THAT NO ONE HAD BEEN ABLE TO PRESENT SPECIFICS.

3. I VOLUNTEERED THAT, SINCE ASKING FOR APPOINTMENT, WE HAD  
RECEIVED ADDITIONAL THAT SOME WEAPONS HAD ALREADY ARRIVED AND  
HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY INCLUDE AUTOMATIC RIFLES OF CZECH MANUFACTURE.  
AT THIS HE DISPLAYED NEW INTEREST. CONTINUING TO PROTEST THAT NO ONE  
IN THE GOVT COULD NEGOTIATE OR PURCHASE ARMS WITHOUT HIS SPECIFIC  
AUTHORIZATION AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN NONE, HE PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE  
THE REPORTS.

4. IN CONCLUSION, I SAID I WOULD REPORT OUR CONVERSATION AND  
THAT I WOULD BE AT HIS DISPOSAL IF THERE WERE ANYTHING ADDITIONAL  
HE WISHED TO TELL ME. HE, IN TURN, INVITED ME TO PASS ALONG ANY  
ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION WE OBTAINED. I AGREED TO DO SO.

5. BEFORE LEAVING, I ASKED WHETHER HE FELT THE GOVT HAD ANY  
REAL NEED FOR ADDITIONAL WEAPONS. "NO," HE REPLIED EMPHATICALLY.  
"NOT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE".

6. COMMENT: MAKARIOS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SURPRISED AT THE  
PURPOSE OF MY CALL WHICH SUGGESTS THAT HIS RESPONSE WAS WELL  
REHEARSED. HIS PROMISE TO INVESTIGATE MY REFERENCE TO A SPECIFIC  
DELIVERY CAREFULLY PROVIDES AN OPENING FOR A FURTHER REHEARSED  
EXPLANATION IF HIS PRESENT POSITION APPEARS TO BE  
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OVERTAKEN BY FACTS. WE'LL SEE. FOR NOW, THE USG IS CLEARLY  
ON RECORD WITH ADMONITIONS WHICH WE TRUST WILL GIVE THE  
GOCYPRUS SERIOUS PAUSE.

7. UK HICOMER OLVER IS STILL AWAITING AN APPOINTMENT,  
ALTHOUGH HE HAS ALREADY RAISED HIS CONCERN WITH FONMIN  
CHRISTOPHIDES WHILE VISITING HIM ON ANOTHER SUBJECT. WE  
WILL COORDINATE WITH OLVER BEFORE HIS CALL ON THE ARCHBISHOP.

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